

The Richmond State says Mahone's power to drive the negroes to the polls is gone.

Prof. E. A. Allen, who for several years has held a chair in Central College at Fayette, has been elected to the chair of English in the State University. He takes the place of Prof. McAnally.

It is said of Massachusetts that more of her people die of suicide than are killed in battle. The registration report shows that 1246 Massachusetts soldiers fell in battle during the war of the rebellion and in service on the plains from 1861 to 1865, while between the years of 1867 and 1883 there were 3,024 suicides recorded.

State Senator Waller Young, of St. Joseph, is the only private secretary of a Missouri governor that ever reached a higher public office. Mr. Judson became president of the St. Louis public schools and Mr. Silver was elected prosecuting attorney of Cole county, but both offices are beneath that of private secretary in rank.

J. W. SANBORN, secretary of the state board of agriculture, furnishes the following summary of his June report of the crops of Missouri: Estimated yield of wheat 7.3 bushels per acre, or a total of 11,234,190 bushels. Condition of corn 85.5; oats 92.6; hay, 88.7; spring wheat, 64.7. Wheat is generally well-filled and of good quality, though injured somewhat by excessive rain and rust.

Last Monday Judge Krekel of the United States district court at Kansas City rendered a decision in the case of the United States vs. Berry and Selby, charged with intimidating Wabash employees during the late strike. Defendants were found guilty. Berry was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment and Selby to 30 days. A new trial was asked for each.

Bro. J. H. Turner, of the Carroll Record, one of the sprightliest Republican editors in the state, has been elected to the office for one year to J. W. Patton, who has been foreman of the office for several years, and who will continue to publish the Record as a Republican paper. In the meantime Mr. Turner returns to Massachusetts in quest of health and to visit his aged mother. We wish him and his successor good luck.

This news from Southern Kansas, along the Neosho river, concerning the destruction of property by high water is fearful. There is reported a great loss of cattle and hogs, houses and barns were washed away and destroyed. All the wheat and corn on bottom lands, from one end of the river to the other, are a total loss. Besides there is a great loss of old grain stored in cribs and barns. Many of the farmers intend planting their corn over again and take the risk of it being caught by frost. The roadbed of the M., K. and T. Railway was under water for many miles, and no trains ran for several days.

A young woman arrived in Lebanon Monday evening from Linn creek, having walked the entire distance. She stated that she was on her way to Jefferson City as a witness in a confederating case and expected to complete the journey on foot. She was told that there was a railroad running in a roundabout way by which she might reach her destination. She said she had never ridden on the "writers" and did not care to. She was in no hurry and preferred walking. She will probably arrive at the Osgood river, Lebanon Rustle.

Prof. Riser, state entomologist, is credited with recommending ice-water sprinkled on cabbage plants infested with worms to kill the pests. The editor of the Richmond, Conservative claims to have tried the ice-water remedy on his cabbage and worms, but thinks it served only to make the worms more audacious. He says "there were no dead worms to be seen after the sprinkling." On the contrary there were more live ones, bigger and hungrier than before and that they requested him to squeeze a lemon and put a little sugar in his next sprinkler full. They must have been temperance worms or they would have requested a spike in the lemon juice. Now the editor has lost faith in Professor Riser.

Since the polygamous Mormons of Utah have learned that indictments by U. S. grand juries and prosecutions in U. S. courts for violation of her laws are no mere child's play, they are beginning to look for a solution of their difficulties, but as yet have found nothing. Those of retaining polygamy, endeavoring to cling to her territory, and those who are anti-polygamists, are at it. Smith, their first prophet, never taught a religion in springing Church. One polygamist, I saw the other, who was called Brigham Young, taught and preached the same doctrine. The Josephites refused to accept him as an apostle.

The appointment of D. Walker Wear as superintendent of the Yellowstone Park creates a vacancy in the Thirtieth senatorial district which must be filled at the next general election.

The heirs of Stephen A. Douglas have gained an important lawsuit, wherein they claimed that the ground upon which the University of Chicago stands should revert to them. It was decided by Mr. Douglas to the university on condition that the title should remain in the university. It seems that of late a deed of trust was made to the property, of which the Douglas heirs took advantage and claimed the property. The court decreed them the title.

It seems that young Mr. Glover, of St. Louis, has an idea of dividing up the Democratic party according to age, and putting the young men on top. It just appears to us, as an humble member of the party, that if the young men can't get on top by their honest merit they ought to stay as near the bottom as fate may decree. This thing of giving a man "a leg" to lift him up, simply because he is young, is very indiscriminate and ridiculous. It does not take any brains or ability to be either young or old-mouthed.—Saline County Progress.

The New York World says: "Roman Nose, a Sioux chief who has joined the Cheyennes and been engaged in raiding the cattle of the companies which have leased grazing lands from the Cheyennes and Arapahos, thinks there will be a general Indian war, and gives his reasons. He says the companies fence in the best hunting grounds; the cowboys get drunk and shoot Indians like game, and the red man may as well die fighting as be hemmed in, starved and shot down while peaceable. This Indian speaks truly, whether he is a Roman Nose or a pug."

The prohibitionists of Ohio met in convention last week and nominated a full state ticket. Their platform demands a prohibition amendment, and opposes a license tax or regulation of the liquor traffic. Cuts loose from both the old parties and gives as a reason therefor, that both have subverted the liquor interests. Favors moral suasion as a means of reform. Wants divorce based on the divine law. Expresses sympathy for the colored people. Opposes violent changes in the tariff. Endorses the voters union memorial. Favors a civil Sabbath and recognizes the civil government as ordained of God. They also voted a resolution of sympathy for General Grant and then adjourned.

On account of the ill health of S. H. Hallock, who for the past four years has edited and published the Monroe City News, he has been obliged to sever his connection with the paper, and has sold it to W. L. Reid one of the compositors. We regret to lose Bro. Hallock from the editorial fraternity. We extend our sympathies in his affliction and hope for his recovery. We are glad to note the pleasant words the retiring editor has for his successor, of whom he says: "I know him to be a young man of steady habits, enterprising and industrious." These words speak volumes in praise of the young man, with a perpetuation of these noble traits he is bound to succeed if health is spared. We gladly welcome him to the editorial brotherhood.

There are fears of serious troubles with the Indians in and around Porto Reno and Darlington in the Indian Territory. The Cheyennes are holding war dances, while on the move in the vicinity of those forts, it is said the Indians were heavily armed—even the squaws were astride their horses each carrying a gun and a six-shooter. It is said the government or rather the agents of the government were not half feeding the Indians and that they think they have to be something or starve. It is a great pity that unscrupulous parties will have to suffer as unquestionably many would in case of an Indian outbreak, but if the Indian agents who swindle them out of their just dues, were the only sufferers most honest people would say amen.

The crop report for June says the prospect for wheat is the worst in seventeen years. The general average of condition is 62. In 1881 it was 74, and 75 in 1882, while in the great crop years of 1880 and 1882 it was 99 in June. A comparison of returns of May and June show the effect of bad weather, crop substitution, and insect depredation. In a striking manner. The reduction of a general average of nearly 70 to 62 is a loss of more than 10 per cent. In a few states there has been a slight improvement. 4 points in Delaware, 7 in Maryland, 4 in Georgia, 2 in Alabama, and 2 in Arkansas. In Texas it was 100, both in May and June. Pennsylvania and West Virginia, elevated regions, which failed to discover the heavy losses experienced until May, give, respectively, a reduction of 18 and 11 points. In North Carolina, where the wheat area is mainly in the more elevated districts, cotton and tobacco monopolizing the tide-water and part of the Piedmont regions, suffered a loss of 10, and Tennessee a diminution of 9 points. In Indiana the reduction is 7, and in Michigan 6; Missouri, reported very low in May, shows a reduction of 8 points, and Kansas 6, while Virginia, Ohio, and Illinois, with extremely low figures in May, report a slight further decrease in June.

CHARLES W. BUCK, United States minister to Peru, has been officially received at Lima.

It is said that the Mormons in Utah on the 4th of July hung the U. S. flag at half mast, and gave as a reason therefor, that their liberties were taken away, hence they could not celebrate the day. The Mormons, it seems, make the same mistake that some others do. They think liberty means license, that is, liberty licenses them to do as they please, and if they please to have a score of wives, and they can get them, the law should not come in their way and say they shall not have them. The flags being at half mast on the 4th of July was not a pleasing sight to some veteran soldiers that chanced to see them, one of whom, while viewing what he considered an insult to his country's colors, with tears streaming down his cheeks, exclaimed, "How long, How long, O Lord."

We notice that some of the papers and correspondents are condemning Mr. Hasbrook, internal revenue collector of this district, in unmeasured terms because, as they say, he has appointed Republican deputies to assist him in running his office. We think this abuse is premature and uncalled for. That Mr. Hasbrook has retained most of the old clerks and deputies, all of whom we presume are Republicans, there is no doubt, but we have no idea their retention is intended to be permanent. Most likely Mr. Hasbrook thinks it best to defer his Democratic appointments till he becomes familiar with the details of his office, so that when he appoints new men, he will be prepared to give them, in person, such instruction as they may need to enable them to successfully run an intricate office. We think Mr. H. is too wise a man and too good a Democrat to make a move of this character, for which he is condemned, as we think without a trial. This is all wrong. We propose to wait and for the present rest satisfied that Hasbrook will do the right thing at what he thinks the right time. There are scores of competent Democrats in the district who would gladly assist him to run his office, and we presume no one is better acquainted with this fact than Mr. H. himself. Not long since a prominent paper announced that Chas. E. Hasbrook would procure most of his help to run his office from Galesburg, Ill. Of course there was no foundation for such statement. The other paper for which he is now being abused we presume is just about as reasonable and not more so.

Moss and lynchings seem to be more prevalent now than ever before known where courts were open to try offenders. For one of the most heinous crimes known to civilized people there is seldom an appeal any more to any except Judge Lynch's court. And we hear the most law-abiding citizens in the country say, "Served him right; the wretch ought to have been hung for such a crime, without judge or jury." What is it that got the people into such a frame of mind that they are no longer willing to let the law take its course against a certain class of offenders? Is it not because of the law's delays and uncertainties? Are not trials postponed without adequate reasons until time, in a measure, pays the guilty culprit's penalty when everybody except those most deeply wronged say, let him go. If judges and courts want to do away with mobs, we believe they can do so by allowing no delays in visiting the guilty with the law's retribution. By all means have prompt trials of the accused, so that if innocent they may be vindicated, and if guilty receive their just deserts and thus vindicate the law.

The Kansas City Times, of the 7th inst., created quite a sensation in our town when the dispatches concerning the Indian troubles in southwestern Kansas were read. Several old Keytesvillians and a number of people from Chariton county inhabit portions of Comanche and Pratt counties, where the principal troubles are said to have occurred. Of course, under these circumstances, much apprehension was felt for their safety, and everybody hoped the true state of affairs was not as bad as represented. One dispatch from Kingman says: "People are pouring into the city from the western part of this and Pratt counties, seeking safety from a supposed Indian attack. Reliable parties from Pratt and Saratoga counties, report that the people from southern Pratt, are rushing into towns, reporting the Indians are burning, ravaging everything and killing people. Many farmers from Lawndale, 24 miles southeast of here in Pratt county have brought their families to town for safety, they are warned to fly by runners from southern Pratt. The report has just reached here that the Indians who have surrounded Cold Water, (this is the region where Captain Veatch, Frank and Mike Veatch and Albert Hunter are living.) These reports may be sensational but we want to prepare." This dispatch was sent to the governor of Kansas and asked for state arms, ammunition and troops to be sent from Wichita. Whereupon the governor telegraphed to commanders of state troops at Winfield, Wellington, Sterling and Larned to be ready for service at a moment's warning. Edgemoor was sent to many places south but could get no reply south of Dodge. From there they received information that the

Indians had made a raid into the Pan Handle of Texas, also fears were entertained that south of Dodge there was trouble. The Times further says: "As long ago as last December, The Times predicted that unless something was done to quiet the Cheyennes and Arapahos would make mischief, and that once on the warpath they were liable to sweep Kansas with a besom of death and destruction. Our dispatches this morning indicate that the Indians have begun their campaign and that the people of the southern counties are fleeing in dismay. The government and the state of Kansas must take prompt action. Troops must be sent to intercept the Indians without delay. If the matter is as bad as the reports make it out, it is serious and must be dealt with summarily. The Cheyennes and Arapahos are the most warlike of savages, and unless they are stopped by bullets they will extend this raid to the southern boundaries of Nebraska, and the blood of the whites will flow in rivers." But we hope for the best and sincerely wish we may soon find the matter is greatly exaggerated. There are several thousands of troops in Kansas and contiguous territories. If they can be concentrated, we hope they, in connection with the militia that may join them, will be amply sufficient to quell the red raiders and murderers.

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—Not long since we heard a man say that his better self did not talk very much. Since then we have frequently thought of the pleasure he must have in being thusly situated in life. Why, he can devote his leisure time in reading his morning papers and have his share in the entertaining of his friends. —The glorious fourth is a thing of the past. —We imagine that our Democratic friends as they assembled themselves at their respective celebrations in many places throughout the country, had different feelings from any they had felt on previous occasions of the same kind during the last twenty-four years of Republican rule, and doubtless felt proud to know that they had lived to see the grand old banner unfurled under a Democratic administration once more. —Our old-time friend, W. A. Stratton, who has again engaged to teach the winter school at the Oldham school house, an evidence, we think that the board of directors of that district appreciate the efforts of an efficient teacher. —Miss Willie Benner of Sedalia is visiting friends in the neighborhood of the Scribner school house. —On Wednesday morning, Mr. Lambert, who lives near the Bell school house, put his little son to ploughing corn with a pig that was gleeful enough but a little skittish, and from some cause in turning she became frightened and ran away dragging the little fellow, who unfortunately had the double lines around his neck, some distance, and had the animal in her fright, come to a low fence which she finally jumped after halting a moment, during which time the boy disengaged himself, having got the lines from around his head and neck, not however until he was considerably hurt though not seriously injured. The plow was a double shovel and it cut a large gash up near the animals hip, two others on her legs: none of her bones were broken, and by the timely assistance of Bus's Vincent, he and Mr. Lambert managed to dress the wounds. Boys nor men should ever plow with lines around their necks. —P. W. Blakely, of Mendon, with his family attended the celebration at Pedee, also S. D. Johnson and family of near Prairie Hill. They remained two or three days, visiting the family of A. C. Johnson and other relations. They report the corn crop good in their respective localities. —Myer Bros., sons of them a blind musician, have been giving some of their entertainments at several of our school houses. They had fair audiences. —We learn that two certain young men undertook to settle an old feud at Pedee the other day during the celebration. We would advise the young men to make better selections to settle their difficulties, less, perchance they may get some innocent parties hurt and it was surely very disrespectful to raise a racket in the presence of ladies at what might have been otherwise a quiet fourth of July. —Kimbull Adams and sister, Miss Ida attended the celebration at Indian Grove. —Mr. B. R. Franklin who lost a leg by going mad, last week, has another leg confined, which from symptoms seems effected with the same disease. —The holiest people held a two-day's meeting, Saturday and Sunday, under an arbor near Calvin Furrows. They are at present holding a meeting at Pedee which we learn will continue all week. These meetings are held at the hall at that place. —We are at present needing rain. Some hope we will have a shower ere this goes to press.

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